# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4768
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2007
PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE IN PAKISTAN, IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has identified the places of pilgrimage and temple etc. situated in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of these temples and places of pilgrimage in these countries;

(d) whether all the places including Hinglaj in Pakistan have been being opened for pilgrimage purposes; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure visits of the pilgrims to these places ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(c) There are 15 shrines at present in Pakistan covered under Bilateral Protocol on Visit to Religious Shrines (list enclosed). No such shrines or places of pilgrimages are identified in Afghanistan and Iran.

(d)-(e) Government have proposed to the Government of Pakistan that the existing Bilateral Protocol on visit to Religious Shrines be expanded to increase number of pilgrims and shrines.

LIST REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4768 REGARDING "PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE IN PAKISTAN, IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN" FOR ANSWER ON 09.05.2007

1. Gurudwara Shri Nankana Sahib (Rawalpindi)

2. Gurudwara Shri Panja Sahib (Rawalpindi)

3. Samadhi of Maharaj Ranjit Singh (Lahore)

4. Gurudwara Shri Dera Sahib (Lahore)

5. Gurudwara Janam Asthan (Lahore)

6. Gurudwara Deewan Khana (Lahore)

7. Gurudwara Shaheed Ganj, Singhanian (Lahore)

8. Gurudwara Bhai Tara Singh (Lahore)

9. Gurudwara of Sixth Guru, Mozang, (Lahore)

10. Birthplace of Shri Guru Ram Das (Lahore)

11. Gurudwara Cheveen Padshahi, Mozang (Lahore)

12. Shrine at Sree Katasraj

13. Shadani Darbar, Hyat Pitafi

14. Sadhu Bela, Khanpur and Mirpur Mathelo

15. Shrine of Hazrat Data Ganj Bakhsh (Lahore)